



NEWS ADVISORY

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS—BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 14, 9:30 a.m.

Presentation:

Supervisors honor Sybil Brand on her 102nd birthday (May 8) and for a lifetime of community service, including spearheading improvements in County jails such as the Sybil Brand Institute for Women.

Agenda Items:

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke requests an interim ordinance banning the establishment or enlargement of billboards in unincorporated areas to preserve the aesthetic qualities of neighborhoods. (Item 4)

Board considers opposing the Racial Policy Initiative on November ballot, which would bar collecting data with regard to ethnicity, race and national origin. (Item 6)

Board votes to proclaim May 18 as “Ray Bradbury Day” throughout County. (Item 15)

Supervisors asked to support Senate Bill 543, which would require health insurers to provide an equal level of mental health benefits. (Item 18)

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich requests implementation of recommendations to protect children from potential abusive caregivers. The action stems from deaths of two children who were thrown off the roof of downtown Superior Court by their mother before she jumped to her death. (Item 19)

Board asked to approve use of state Habitat Conservation funds to acquire the Zuniga Creek Pond and Wetlands for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; and to appropriate additional \$1.3 million for capital projects at Steinmetz (Hacienda Heights), Ladera (Los Angeles), Ted Watkins (Los Angeles) and Bethune (Los Angeles) Parks. (Item 26)

Chief Administrative Officer requests authorization to accept \$840,261 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for various projects, including Manhattan Beach access repairs, Topanga Creek water quality assessment and Tri-Watershed preservation and acquisition. (Item 28)

Proposal presented to provide night and weekend animal control services in Lawndale. (Item 33)

Board considers a \$320,000 agreement with Rock the Vote for a public education campaign aimed at youth that promotes tolerance, mutual respect, understanding and non-violent conflict resolution. (Item 34)

Supervisors asked to find development of a 22,560 sq. ft. community and senior center in Diamond Bar would have no significant impact on environment. (Item 36)

Community and Senior Services requests supervisors approve \$479,000 in additional funding for increased enrollment of eligible participants in the refugee employment social services program. (Item 37)

Supervisors consider approving \$858,316 for a health survey, which would interview County residents on health status, behavioral risk factors, access to and utilization of primary health care and preventive health services. (Item 43)

Health Services Department asks Board to approve the second quarter report for the Medicaid Demonstration Project, which details progress made in meeting the 1115 Waiver goals. (Item 45)

Supervisors consider approving expansion of the Children's System of Care program using \$2.3 million in unexpended funds from 2000-2001 to fund a variety of services for emotionally-disturbed children; and approve new agreements with Compton, Long Beach, Palmdale and other school districts for school consultant services. (Item 49)

Approval sought of plans to construct improvements at Valleydale County Park in Azusa at a cost not to exceed \$1.4 million and approval of its youth employment plan. (Item 55)

Supervisors consider transit needs study for the unincorporated areas of Avocado Heights, Bassett, Valinda and West Puente Valley. (Item 60)

Proposal presented to assist in projects that would create wetlands or riparian habitat adjacent to the channelized San Jose Creek at Cal Poly Pomona; 46-acre recreation project adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Los Angeles; and 15-acre recreation area along the San Gabriel River in Lakewood. (Item 67).

Supervisors consider plan to restore balance between natural and human systems in the watersheds of San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers. (Item 68)

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk requests hiring authority for 30 new positions at a cost of \$2 million, funded by eliminating 64 vacant positions, to implement recent audit recommendations. (Items 80 & 86)

Sheriff Lee Baca asks supervisors to approve \$9.3 million agreement for medical laboratory services for inmates at the Twin Towers Jail. (Item 81)

Sheriff's Department seeks authorization to accept \$45,000 state grant to purchase a new patrol boat for its emergency services detail to respond to life-threatening situations. (Item 83)

Supervisors consider new names for certain former municipal courthouses and renaming Antelope Valley Courthouse in honor of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. (Item 85, Continued from meeting of 4-30-02)

Separate Matters:

Report on a review of proposals regarding open meeting and public records laws. (Item 96, Continued from meeting of 4-23-02)

Sheriff's Department reports on why a deputy charged with misdemeanor child abuse in September 2001 was not placed on administrative leave. (Item 97)

Public Works Department reports on need for a new traffic analysis with regard to Browning-Ferris Industries' proposed conditional use permit for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. (Item 98, Continued from 4-30-02)

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(NOTE TO MEDIA: Board meetings are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., but generally do not begin until 10 a.m. Copies of the agenda and supporting documents may be accessed on the Internet at <http://bos.co.la.ca.us/Categories/Agenda/AgendaHome.htm> Copies of the Agenda Highlights are at <http://cao.co.la.ca.us/press.htm>)

Budget Hearings:

Supervisors will begin public hearings on the 2002-2003 County budget on Wednesday (May 15) at 9:30 a.m.